

DELAWARE BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 4, 2005

Approved March 4, 2005

The Delaware Board of Geologists held a meeting on Friday, February 4, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

PRESENT:

William S. Schenck, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Steven M. Smailer, Professional Member, Vice President
Dana Long, Public Member
Eric Trinkle, Professional Member
Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General
Caitlin Mears, Administrative Specialist II

ABSENT:

Jerome Cooper, Public Member
Theodore Ressler, Public Member
Stephen Williams, Professional Member

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schenck called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Trinkle made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2005 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smailer and unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a draft to amend the requirements to sit for the ASBOG examination as stated in Rule 7.0. Mr. Schenck made a motion to review this draft at the March 4, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smailer and carried unanimously.

The Board of Geologists began a thorough review of the licensing requirements of the eight states thought to have requirements substantially similar to those of Delaware. As continuing education is a requirement for maintaining licensure, not a requirement for initial licensure, it will not be reviewed at this time. Mr. Schenck made a motion to table this discussion until the March 4, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trinkle and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Application for Licensure

Maria Joan Magilton's application for licensure by examination was reviewed by the Board. Ms. Magilton has not received a degree with a major in geology. She has completed 31 credit hours of geology or its sub-disciplines but only 16 of those credits are third or fourth year courses. None are graduate courses. As she has not completed the education requirements for licensure set forth in 24DeIC, § 3608(a)(1), Mr. Smailer made a motion that the Delaware Board of Geologists propose to deny Ms. Magilton's application to sit for the ASBOG examination and to receive licensure as a Professional Geologist upon successful completion of this exam. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schenck and carried unanimously.

Andrew R. Harrison's application for licensure by reciprocity from North Carolina was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Trinkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smailer, to approve this application. The motion was carried unanimously.

Continuing Education Approval

An application for continuing education approval of 20 contact hours for "Design and Analysis of Aquifer Tests", sponsored by the Baltimore-Washington-Harrisburg Section of the Association of Engineering Geologists was submitted for the Board's review. Based on the agenda for the conference, Mr. Trinkle made a motion to approve the activity for 24 contact hours. Mr. Schenck seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Evaluation of Credentials for Education Received Outside of the U.S.

The current statute addresses the evaluation of credentials for education received outside of the United States for applicants seeking licensure through reciprocity only. The Board discussed proposing an amendment to the statute which would clearly address this issue for all licensure applicants. Ms. Reardon will draft a proposal for discussion at a future meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Schenck shared a letter advising that the state of South Carolina is considering closing the Board of Geology for that state.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Smailer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schenck and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Mears
Administrative Specialist II